Local Government Type:	Local Governm	ent Name:		County	1	
	other Township of W			Macon		
Audit Date O	pinion Date une 11, 2004	n Date Date Accountant Report Submitted				
We have audited the financial statements of with the Statements of the Governmental A Counties and Local Units of Government in We affirm that:	Accounting Standards Bo	ard (GASB) and the <i>Unifor</i>				
 We have complied with the Bulletin for We are certified public accountants reg 			as revised.			
We further affirm the following. "Yes" respo and recommendations.	nses have been disclosed	in the financial statements	s, including the	e notes, or in t	the report of comn	
yes	units/funds/agencies of the ted deficits in one or more to for non-compliance with to the conditions of either the condit	e local unit are excluded for this unit's unreserved further the Uniform Accounting and ther an order issued under the page Act	nd balances/rod Budgeting A	etained earni ct (P.A. 2 of	ngs (P.A. 275 of 1 1968, as amende	
🔲 yes 🔀 no 5. The local unit holds	the Emergency Municipal deposits/investments wh A. 55 of 1982, as amende	ch do not comply with statu	utory requirem	ents. (P.A. 20	0 of 1943, as ame	
yes 🛛 no 7. The local unit has vi (normal costs) in th	olated the Constitutional r e current year. If the pla	ting tax revenues that were equirement (Article 9, Section on is more than 100% funder the due (paid during the year	on 24) to fund o	current year e	arned pension be	
🔀 yes 🔲 no 8. The local unit uses	credit cards and has not a	dopted an applicable policy policy as required by P.A.	y as required b	•	•	
We have enclosed the following:			Enclosed	To Be Forwarde	Not ed Require	
The letter of comments and recommendati	ons.					
Reports on individual federal assistance pr	ograms (program audits).					
Single Audit Reports (ASLGU).						
Certified Public Accountant (Firm Name):	Plante & M	oran, PLLC				
Street Address 27400 Northwestern Highway		City Southfield		State MI	ZIP 48034	
Accountant Signature		•			•	
Plante : Moran, P.						

Township of Washington Macomb County, Michigan

Financial Report
with Supplemental Information
March 31, 2004



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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Trustees Township of Washington Macomb County, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Washington as of and for the year ended March 31, 2004, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township of Washington's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Washington as of March 31, 2004 and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and the budgetary comparison schedules, as identified in the table of contents, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplemental information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management, regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplemental information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The accompanying other supplemental information, as identified in the table of contents, is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The other supplemental information is presented for the purpose of additional analysis. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Township of Washington. The other supplemental information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all materials respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

To the Board of Trustees Township of Washington Macomb County, Michigan

As described in Note I, the Township has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*, and related statements, as of April I, 2003. As discussed in Note I, the Township changed its method of accounting for state-shared revenue.

Plante & Moran, PLLC

June 11, 2004

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Overview of the Financial Statements

Washington Township's 2004 annual report is presented in conformity with the requirements of GASB 34. This annual report consists of four parts - management's discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements, required supplementary information, and other supplemental information, which presents combining statements for nonmajor governmental funds and fiduciary funds. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Township. The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the Township's overall financial status. The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the Township's government, reporting the Township's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.

Government-wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the Township as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net assets includes all of the government's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid (full accrual).

The two government-wide statements report the Township's net assets and how they have changed. Net assets, the difference between the Township's assets and liabilities, are one way to measure the Township's financial health or position.

The government-wide financial statements of the Township are divided into two categories:

Governmental Activities - Most of the Township's basic services are included here, such as the police, fire, public works, and general administration. Property taxes, state-shared revenue, charges for services, and three special operating millages provide most of the funding.

Business-type Activities - The Township charges fees to customers to help it cover the costs of certain services it provides. The Township's water and sewer system is treated as business-type activities.



Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Township's most significant funds - not the Township as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the Township uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes. Some funds are required by State law and bond covenants. The Township Board establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes.

The Township has three types of funds:

Governmental Funds - Most of the Township's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on how cash and other financial assets can readily be converted to cash flow in and out, and the balances left at year end that are available for spending. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Township's programs.

Proprietary Funds - Services for which the Township charges customers a fee are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds, like government-wide statements, provide both long-term and short-term financial information.

Fiduciary Funds - The Township is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes. All of the Township's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement of assets and liabilities. We exclude these activities from the Township's government-wide financial statements because the Township cannot use these assets to finance its operations.



Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

Financial Overview

The Township has combined total net assets of \$59.8 million. This is an increase over 2003 of \$5.9 million. Business-type activities comprise \$41.7 million, and governmental activities make up \$18.1 million of the total net assets. In a condensed format, the table below shows a comparison of the net assets as of the current date to the prior year:

In Thousands

<u></u>	Governme	ntal Activities	Business-ty	pe Activities	Total			
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003		
Assets								
Current assets	\$ 14,219	\$ 13,584	\$ 12,499	\$ 10,858	\$ 26,718	\$ 24,442		
Noncurrent assets	5,461	4,131	33,746	32,155	39,207	36,286		
Total assets	19,680	17,715	46,245	43,013	65,925	60,728		
Liabilities								
Current liabilities	701	737	500	669	1,201	1,406		
Long-term liabilities	893	1,038	4,081	4,379	4,974	5,417		
Total liabilities	1,594	1,775	4,581	5,048	6,175	6,823		
Net Assets								
Invested in capital assets -								
Net of related debt	5,461	4,131	30,595	28,661	36,056	32,792		
Restricted	6,219	5,582	1,437	1,250	7,656	6,832		
Unrestricted (deficit)	6,406	6,227	9,632	8,054	16,038	14,281		
Total net assets	\$ 18,086	\$ 15,940	\$ 41,664	\$ 37,965	\$ 59,750	\$ 53,905		

The Township experienced significant changes in both assets of the governmental activities and business-type activities. Under the government activities, our greatest source of increase to net assets was the donation of 40 acres of park property valued at approximately \$1.1 million. Our greatest source of business-type activities increase to net assets was due to the nearly \$2.3 million worth of water and sewer distribution system that was constructed and donated to the Sewer and Water department.

One of the Township's largest governmental activity expenditures was the completion of the senior center addition at a cost of nearly \$450,000. We continue to pay our debt service on water and sewer capital related items, which is our largest liability of the business-type activities. Other changes are minimal and balances are fairly consistent with last year.



Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

The following table shows the changes in net assets for 2004. Future reports will provide comparative data for the statement of activities.

In Thousands

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Revenue		-	
Program revenue:			
Charges for services	\$ 872	\$ 3,235	\$ 4,107
Operating grants and contributions	ψ 0/2 I	φ 5,255 -	ψ :,, I
Capital grants and contributions	86	3,985	4,071
General revenue:	00	3,703	1,071
Property taxes	4,598	_	4,598
State-shared revenue	1,210	_	1,210
Unrestricted investment earnings	246	132	378
Franchise fees	130	-	130
Donated land	1,125	_	1,125
Transfers and other revenue	2	4	6
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Total revenue	8,270	7,356	15,626
Program Expenses			
General government	1,643	-	1,643
Public safety	4,339	-	4,339
Public works	106	-	106
Interest on long-term debt	36	-	36
Water and sewer		3,657	3,657
Total program expenses	6,124	3,657	9,781
Change in Net Assets	\$ 2,146	\$ 3,699	\$ 5,845

Governmental Activities

Revenues for governmental activities totaled \$8.3 million in 2004. A total of \$4.6 million was in the form of property tax collections, an increase of \$400,000 over 2003. This increase reflects a change in the general operating millage from .6529 mills to .6657 mills, as well as a significant increase in taxable value of \$61.5 million. The police and fire and advance life support special assessment millage generated \$4 million of the total \$4.6 million of property tax revenue reported above. State-shared revenues continue to be of concern. While they provided \$1.2 million, we are uncertain what will happen in 2005 given the State's financial difficulties. Charges for services, primarily for inspections, generated \$872,000.



Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

Business-type Activities

The Township has one business-type activity, the water and sewer operations. Revenues for business-type activities were \$7.4 million.

The water and sewer operation consists of the following: Water is provided to the Township residents via the Detroit Water and Sewer Department. Sewage treatment is provided by contracts with the Detroit Water and Sewer Department and Macomb County. The Township participates in the Garfield interceptor project to ensure sewer capacity for the community.

Current Economic Events

The Township continues to experience substantial growth in the community. This growth is a direct result of the very unique development projects approved in the community even during the current softening of the overall market. Our taxable value has reached over \$887 million and continues to grow under the many new commercial and residential projects being reviewed and approved.

Revenue sharing, as it was in 2003, continues to be the most significant budgetary concern at this time. The State of Michigan is experiencing significant structural budget problems, and as they look for solutions, revenue sharing continues to be under attack. The governor's proposed budget for 2004/2005 calls for a level funding for state revenue-sharing payments. Our community continues to weather the cuts in state-shared revenue in part due to very positive, conservative actions of previous boards. Our current board continues the conservative example of previous boards, while always keeping our obligations to current and future residents as our beacon. Our community continues to grow, and we use our strategic future forecasts to plan for and budget for future needs.

Financial Analysis of Township Funds and Budgets

The General Fund ended 2004 with a fund balance of \$2.2 million, with \$1.4 million designated. Several factors affected operating results. First, state-shared revenue was \$156,000 over the amended budget due to the change in accounting method for recognizing the revenue, as discussed in Note I to the financial statements. Tax revenue was up due to increased taxable value. Tax collections were \$583,000 for 2004. This is an increase of \$54,000 over 2003.

The General Fund budget is amended throughout the year as deemed necessary. This is primarily done to prevent overexpenditures. With that in mind, the General Fund expenditures were 95.5 percent of budget. With the exception of the previously mentioned items, no major General Fund areas were significantly under or over budget.

Police and fire and advanced life support operations are funded separately through special assessment millages. These funds are expended exclusively for operations of police and fire and advanced life support, respectively. All of these funds have a positive fund balance position.



Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

Capital Assets and Debt

The Township continued capital projects in 2004. The Senior Center addition was completed as of year end. This project was funded with CDBG funds, a donation from the Parks and Recreation Department, and through General Fund reserves. The Township continues to forecast future projects. This allows the designating of fund balance to fund these long-term projects. Future projects include road improvements, as well as the purchase of an alternate power source to allow for continued and emergency operations during times of power outages.

Debt relating to special assessment projects and compensated absences totaling \$893,000 is recorded as a liability in the governmental activities in the statement of net assets. Debt relating to the water and sewer system and compensated absences totaling \$4 million is recorded as a liability in the business-type activities in the statement of net assets.

Contact Us

This report is intended to aid our residents and other interested parties in understanding the Township's financial condition. Should you have further questions, please contact the Finance and Budget Department at the Washington Township Municipal Building.



Statement of Net Assets March 31, 2004

	Primary Government					
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	Activities		Activities		TOTAL	
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3)	\$ 11,282,2	33 \$	9,073,050	\$	20,355,283	
Receivables:						
Special assessments	745,5	82	535,962		1,281,544	
Customers		•	418,619		418,619	
Other receivables	36,1	7 I	171,643		207,814	
Due from other governmental units	650,6	24	25,096		675,720	
Internal balances	32,8	78	(32,878)		-	
Prepaid expenses	60,8		16,927		77,781	
Investment in Romeo, Washington, Bruce Parks and	,		,		,	
Recreation Commission	790,4	79	_		790,479	
Investment in Bruce and Washington Senior	,				,	
Transportation thru Advanced Reservation Commission	620,4	70	_		620,470	
Restricted assets (Note 7)	020,1		2,290,703		2,290,703	
Capital assets (Note 4):			2,270,703		2,270,703	
Capital assets not being depreciated	1,526,6	21	920,067		2,446,688	
Capital assets being depreciated - Net	3,934,3		32,826,282		36,760,617	
Total assets	19,680,2	47	46,245,471		65,925,718	
Liabilities						
Accounts payable	189,1	15	387,390		576,505	
Due to other governmental units	109,6	21	-		109,621	
Accrued and other liabilities	402,3	04	112,603		514,907	
Noncurrent liabilities (Note 6):						
Due within one year	125,0	00	350,000		475,000	
Due in more than one year	768,0	37	3,731,071		4,499,108	
Total liabilities	1,594,0	77	4,581,064		6,175,141	
Total natifices	1,371,0	<u>,, </u>	1,301,001		0,173,111	
Net Assets						
Invested in capital assets - Net of related debt	5,460,9	56	30,595,437		36,056,393	
Restricted:						
Restricted for water and sewer line maintenance and			1 115 715		1 115 / 15	
construction	•	•	1,115,615		1,115,615	
Restricted for bond ordinance	2.105.0		321,000		321,000	
Fire service	3,185,9		-		3,185,919	
Law enforcement	795,3		-		795,328	
Advanced life support service	2,077,7		-		2,077,779	
Sidewalk maintenance	82,0		-		82,094	
Street lighting	13,0		-		13,019	
Special assessment capital projects	65,2		=		65,278	
Unrestricted	6,405,7	97	9,632,355		16,038,152	
Total net assets	\$ 18,086,17	<u>70</u> \$	41,664,407	\$	59,750,577	



			Program Revenues					
					Operating		Ca	apital Grants
			(Charges for	Gra	nts and		and
		Expenses		Services	Conti	ributions	С	ontributions
Functions/Programs								
Primary government:								
Governmental activities:								
General government	\$	1,642,842	\$	51,135	\$	-	\$	32,132
Public safety		4,338,782		745,804		880		11,479
Public works		105,576		75,193		-		42,270
Interest on long-term debt		35,941						-
Total governmental activities		6,123,141		872,132		880		85,881
Business-type activities - Water and sewer		3,656,981		3,235,156	-			3,984,717
Total primary government	<u>\$</u>	9,780,122	\$	4,107,288	\$	880	\$	4,070,598

General revenues:

Property taxes

State-shared revenues

Unrestricted investment earnings

Franchise fees

Miscellaneous

Special item - Land donation

Transfers

Total general revenues, special item, and transfers

Change in Net Assets

Net Assets - Beginning of year

Net Assets - End of year

Statement of Activities Year Ended March 31, 2004

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets

<u></u>	Pr	imary Governme	_
G	overnmental	Business-type	
	Activities	Activities	Total
\$	(1,559,575) (3,580,619) 11,887	\$ - - -	\$ (1,559,575) (3,580,619) 11,887
_	(35,941)		(35,941)
	(5,164,248)	-	(5,164,248)
		3,562,892	3,562,892
	(5,164,248)	3,562,892	(1,601,356)
	4,597,485 1,210,394 246,276 129,872	- - 131,682 -	4,597,485 1,210,394 377,958 129,872
	2,888	3,275	6,163
	1,124,700 (1,339)	1,339	1,124,700
	7,310,276	136,296	7,446,572
	2,146,028	3,699,188	5,845,216
	15,940,142	37,965,219	53,905,361
\$	18,086,170	\$ 41,664,407	\$ 59,750,577



Governmental Funds Balance Sheet March 3 I, 2004

				Maj	or Sp	ecial Revenue F	unds		-			
					Δ	dvanced Life				her Nonmajor lovernmental	Tota	d Governmental
		General		Fire		Support		Police		Funds	100	Funds
							-		-			
Assets												
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3) Receivables:	\$	4,856,397	\$	3,192,344	\$	2,065,254	\$	715,472	\$	452,766	\$	11,282,233
Special assessments		471,109		-		-		-		274,473		745,582
Other		2,233		19,775		14,163		-		-		36,171
Due from other funds (Note 5) Due from other governmental units		32,982 318,375		- 97,793		- 79,428		50,583		3,418,080 4,366		3,451,062 550,545
Prepaid expenses		32,273		16,254		12,324		-		3		60,854
Tables	•	F 713 340	•	2 224 144	•	2 171 140	•	7// 055	•	4 140 400	•	14 124 447
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	5,713,369	\$	3,326,166	\$	2,171,169	\$	766,055	\$	4,149,688	\$	16,126,447
Liabilities and Fund Balances												
Liabilities												
Accounts payable	\$	88,993	\$	46,172	\$	31,972	\$	2,080	\$	19,898	\$	189,115
Due to other governmental units		107,306		2,315		-		-		-		109,621
Due to other funds		2,621,724		421,427		374,991		-		42		3,418,184
Accrued and other liabilities Deferred revenue (Note 10)		245,677 471,109		91,729		61,387		-		645 274,473		399,438 745,582
Deletted reveilue (Note 10)		7/1,107	-		_					2/7,7/3		743,362
Total liabilities		3,534,809		561,643		468,350		2,080		295,058		4,861,940
Fund Balances												
Reserved for:												
Law enforcement		-		-		-		763,975		31,350		795,325
Fire service		-		2,748,269		-		-		-		2,748,269
Advanced life support		-		-		1,690,495		-				1,690,495
Prepaids Unreserved - Reported in:		32,273		16,254		12,324		-		3		60,854
General Fund		717,793		_		_		_		_		717,793
Designated (Note 11)		1,428,494		_		_		_		_		1,428,494
Debt Service Fund		-		-		-		-		294,575		294,575
Capital Projects Funds		-		-		-		-		83,129		83,129
Special Revenue Funds		-		-		-		-		414,583		414,583
Designated (Note 11)		-		-	_	-		-	_	3,030,990	_	3,030,990
Total fund balances		2,178,560		2,764,523		1,702,819		763,975		3,854,630		11,264,507
Total liabilities and fund												
balances	\$	5,713,369	\$	3,326,166	\$	2,171,169	\$	766,055	\$	4,149,688	\$	16,126,447
Fund balance - Total governmental funds											\$	11,264,507
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Amounts reported for governmental activities Capital assets used in governmental activitie Special assessment receivables are expected	es are no	ot financial reso	urces	and are not rep	orte	d in the funds						5,460,956
to pay for current year expenditures				,								745,582
Certain receivables were earned during the	current	fiscal year but	are no	ot available to p	ay foi	r current year ex	xpend	litures				100,079
Accrued interest payable on long-term deb		•			-	,	-					(2,866)
Investments in joint ventures are not report	ted in th	e funds										1,410,949
Long-term liabilities are not due and payabl	e in the	current period	and a	re not reported	in th	e funds					_	(893,037)
Net assets of governmental acti	vities										\$	18,086,170



Governmental Funds Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Year Ended March 31, 2004

		Major	Special Revenue			
					Other	
					Nonmajor	Total
			Advanced Life		Governmental	Governmental
	General	Fire	Support	Police	Funds	Funds
B						
Revenue	\$ 589.540	\$ 1,778,770	\$ 1,430,431	\$ 798,744	¢	\$ 4,597,485
Property taxes	. ,	\$ 1,776,770	\$ 1, 4 30, 4 31	р /70,/ 44	Ф -	
Licenses and permits	609,178	-	-	-	- 0.410	609,178
State-shared revenue	1,375,967		42.027	-	8,419	1,384,386
Fees	312,088		43,927	53,328	38,237	447,580
Interest and rent	199,731	37,062	18,550	2,829	30,375	288,547
Special assessments	270,452		-	-	168,196	438,648
Other revenue	72,883	11,363	6,280		11,482	102,008
Total revenue	3,429,839	1,827,195	1,499,188	854,901	256,709	7,867,832
Expenditures						
General government	1,864,214	-	-	-	3,273	1,867,487
Public safety	506,010	1,528,258	1,200,445	710,053	25,75 4	3,970,520
Public works	55,319	-	-	-	-	55,319
Insurance	68,598	=	-	-	-	68,598
Capital outlay	342,573	77,564	9,664	_	32,267	462,068
Debt service					193,075	193,075
Total expenditures	2,836,714	1,605,822	1,210,109	710,053	254,369	6,617,067
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures	593,125	221,373	289,079	144,848	2,340	1,250,765
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Transfers in	42,268	=	-	-	616,723	658,991
Transfers out	(476,723)	(70,000)	(70,000)		(43,607)	(660,330)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(434,455	(70,000)	(70,000)		573,116	(1,339)
Net Change in Fund Balances	158,670	151,373	219,079	144,848	575,456	1,249,426
Fund Balances - Beginning of year	2,019,890	2,613,150	1,483,740	619,127	3,279,174	10,015,081
Fund Balances - End of year	\$ 2,178,560	\$ 2,764,523	\$ 1,702,819	\$ 763,975	\$ 3,854,630	\$ 11,264,507



Governmental Funds

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities Year Ended March 31, 2004

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	1,249,426
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; in the statement of activities, these costs are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation		1,612,992
Depreciation is recorded as an expense in the statement of activities but not in the governmental funds		(282,995)
Special assessment revenues are recorded in the statement of activities when the assessment is set; they are not reported in the funds until collected or collectible within 60 days of year end		(401,693)
Interest expense is recorded when incurred in the statement of activities		(2,866)
Revenue reported in the statement of activities that does not provide current financial resources is not reported as revenue in the governmental funds		(173,992)
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but not in the statement of activities (where it reduces long-term debt)		160,000
The change in accumulated employee sick and vacation pay is recorded when earned in the statement of activities		(14,844)
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	<u>\$</u>	2,146,028



Proprietary Fund Statement of Net Assets March 31, 2004

	Enterprise - Water and Sewer
Assets	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3)	\$ 9,073,050
Accounts receivable:	
Customers	418,619
Special assessments	535,962
Other	171,643
Due from other governmental units	25,096
Prepaid expenses and other assets	16,927
Total current assets	10,241,297
Noncurrent assets:	
Restricted assets (Note 7)	2,290,703
Capital assets (Note 4):	
Capital assets not being depreciated	920,067
Capital assets being depreciated - Net	32,826,282
Total noncurrent assets	36,037,052
Total assets	46,278,349
Liabilities	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	387,390
Accrued and other liabilities	112,603
Due to other funds	32,878
Current portion of long-term obligations (Note 6)	350,000
Total current liabilities	882,871
Noncurrent liabilities - Long-term debt - Net of current portion (Note 6)	3,731,071
Total liabilities	4,613,942
Net Assets	
Investment in capital assets - Net of related debt	30,595,437
Restricted for water and sewer line maintenance and construction	1,115,615
Restricted for bond ordinance	321,000
Unrestricted	9,632,355
Total net assets	\$ 41,664,407



Proprietary Fund Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets Year Ended March 31, 2004

	Enterprise - Water and Sewer
Operating Revenue	
Water usage	\$ 1,509,516
Sewage usage	1,121,440
Other	607,475
Total operating revenue	3,238,431
Operating Expenses	
Sewer and water purchases	1,586,293
Administration	91,878
Billing and clerical	151,918
Other services	77,472
Buildings and grounds	30,599
Inspection	414,583
Depreciation (Note 4)	815,899
Insurance	41,874
Fringe benefits	220,021
Total operating expenses	3,430,537
Operating Loss	(192,106)
Nonoperating Revenue (Expense)	
Tap fees	1,647,285
Interest income	183,034
Interest expense	(226,444)
Total nonoperating revenue	1,603,875
Income - Before contributions and transfers	1,411,769
Capital Contributed from Developers and Customers	2,286,080
Transfers In	1,339
Change in Net Assets	3,699,188
Net Assets - Beginning of year	37,965,219
Net Assets - End of year	\$ 41,664,407



Proprietary Fund Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended March 31, 2004

	Enterprise - Water and
	Sewer
Cook Flour from Operating Activities	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities Receipts from customers	\$ 2,842,624
Payments to suppliers	(2,230,869)
Payments to employees	(469,725)
Other operating receipts	625,570
Net cash provided by operating activities	767,600
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities - Transfers in	1,339
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities	
Collection of customer assessments (principal and interest)	241,344
Purchase of capital assets	(328,233)
Principal paid on bond maturities	(345,000)
Interest paid on bonds	(226,444)
Lateral fees	1,854,699
Net cash provided by capital and related financing activities	1,196,366
Cash Flows from Investing Activities - Interest received	136,096
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,101,401
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of year	9,145,895
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of year	\$ 11,247,296
Balance Sheet Classification of Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Cash and investments (Note 3)	\$ 9,073,050
Restricted assets (Note 7)	2,174,246
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,247,296
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash from Operating	
Activities	
Operating loss	\$ (192,106)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash from operating activities:	,
Depreciation and amortization	815,899
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Decrease in receivables	209,778
Decrease in inventory	18,095
Decrease in due from other governmental units	1,890
Decrease in prepaid expenses and other assets	8,302
Decrease in accounts payable	(186,744)
Increase in accrued and other liabilities	65,322
Increase in due to other funds	27,164
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 767,600

Noncash Investing, Capital, and Financing Activities - During the year ended March 31, 2004, the Water and Sewer Fund received approximately \$2,079,000 of lines donated by developers.



Fiduciary Funds Statement of Assets and Liabilities March 31, 2004

	Agency Funds
Assets - Cash and investments (Note 3)	<u>\$ 1,131,931</u>
Liabilities Due to other governmental units Cash bonds and deposits	\$ 1,414
Total liabilities	\$ 1,131,931

Notes to Financial Statements March 31, 2004

Note I - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Township of Washington (the "Township") conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used by the Township of Washington:

Reporting Entity

The Township is governed by an elected seven-member Board of Trustees. The accompanying financial statements present the Township and its component units, entities for which the Township is considered to be financially accountable. Although blended component units are legal separate entities, in substance, they are part of the Township's operations. Each discretely presented component unit is reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the Township (see discussion below for description).

The Township Building Authority is governed by a board that is appointed by the Board of Trustees. Although it is legally separate from the Township, it is reported as if it were part of the primary government because its sole purpose is to finance and construct the Township's public buildings. The Township Building Authority was inactive during the year and has no assets or liabilities.

The Economic Development Corporation (the "Corporation") was created to provide means and methods for the encouragement and assistance of industrial and commercial enterprises in relocating, purchasing, constructing, improving, or expanding within the Township so as to provide needed services and facilities of such enterprises to the residents. The Corporation's governing body is selected by the Township Board. The Corporation was inactive during the year and has no assets or liabilities.

Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.



Notes to Financial Statements March 31, 2004

Note I - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include: (I) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment; and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenue.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual Enterprise Funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Township considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. The following major revenue sources meet the availability criterion: state-shared revenue, state gas and weight tax revenue, district court fines, and interest associated with the current fiscal period. Conversely, special assessments and federal grant reimbursements will be collected after the period of availability; receivables have been recorded for these, along with a "deferred revenue" liability. All other revenue items are considered to be available only when cash is received by the Township.



Notes to Financial Statements March 31, 2004

Note I - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, expenditures relating to compensated absences, and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

The Township reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is the Township's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Fire Fund - The Fire Fund accounts for the proceeds of a property tax levy that are earmarked for fire service.

Police Fund - The Police Fund accounts for the proceeds of a property tax levy that are earmarked for police service.

Advanced Life Support Fund - The Advanced Life Support Fund accounts for the proceeds of a property tax levy that are earmarked for advanced life support service.

The Township reports the following major proprietary funds:

Water and Sewer Fund - The Water and Sewer Fund is used to account for the results of operations that provide water and sewer service to citizens that is financed primarily by a user charge for the provision of that service.

Additionally, the Township reports the following fund types:

Agency Funds - The Agency Funds account for assets held by the Township in a trustee capacity. Agency Funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve the measurement of results of operations.

Private sector standards of accounting issued prior to December 1, 1989 are generally followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with the standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The Township has elected to also follow private sector standards issued after November 30, 1989 for its business-type activities.



Notes to Financial Statements March 31, 2004

Note I - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are charges between the Township's water and sewer function and various other functions of the Township. Eliminations of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

Amounts reported as program revenue include: (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided; (2) operating grants and contributions; and (3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenue rather than as program revenue. Likewise, general revenue includes all taxes.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenue and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenue and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenue of our proprietary fund, the Water and Sewer Fund, relates to charges to customers for sales and services. The Water and Sewer Fund also recognizes the portion of tap fees intended to recover current costs (e.g., labor and materials to hook up new customers) as operating revenue. The portion intended to recover the cost of the infrastructure is recognized as nonoperating revenue. Operating expenses for proprietary funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenue and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenue and expenses.

Property Tax Revenue

Property taxes are levied on each December I on the taxable valuation of property as of the preceding December 31. Taxes are considered delinquent on March I of the following year, at which time penalties and interest are assessed.

The Township of Washington's 2003 tax is levied and collectible on December I, 2003 and is recognized as revenue in the year ended March 31, 2004, when the proceeds of the levy are budgeted and available for the financing of operations.

The 2003 taxable valuation of the Township of Washington totaled \$885 million, on which taxes levied consisted of .6657 mills for operating purposes, 1.8890 mills for advanced life support services, .9660 mills for police services, and 2.3490 mills for fire services. This resulted in \$583,000 for operating, \$1.4 million for advanced life support services, \$797,000 for police services, and \$1.8 million for fire services. These amounts are recognized in the respective General and Special Revenue Funds financial statements as tax revenue.



Notes to Financial Statements March 31, 2004

Note I - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity

Bank Deposits and Investments - Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired. Investments are stated at fair value. Pooled investment income from the General Fund, Fire Fund, Liquor Law Enforcement Fund, Ambulance Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, and the Trust and Agency Fund is generally allocated to each fund using a weighted average of balances for the principal held for each fund on a monthly basis.

Receivables and Payables - In general, outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year is referred to as "advances to/from other funds." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and the business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances." All trade and property tax receivables are shown as net of allowance for uncollectible amounts.

Inventories and Prepaid Items - Inventories are valued at cost, on a first-in, first-out basis. Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased. Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future fiscal years and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

Restricted Assets - The revenue bonds of the Water and Sewer Fund require amounts to be set aside for debt service. The unspent portion of the bonds is required to be set aside for construction. Additionally, the Water and Sewer Fund has restricted assets relating to collections to be used to pay for construction of the Garfield interceptor and receivables and collections to be used for Hayes Road sewer line construction.

Capital Assets - Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Township as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.



Notes to Financial Statements March 31, 2004

Note I - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Buildings, equipment, and vehicles are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Water and sewer distribution systems	50 years
Buildings and building improvements	10-30 years
Vehicles	5-10 years
Office furnishings	5-10 years
Other tools and equipment	5-20 years

Compensated Absences (Vacation and Sick Leave) - It is the Township's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused sick and vacation pay benefits. All sick and vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only for employee terminations as of year end.

Long-term Obligations - In the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund-type statement of net assets. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt. In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

Fund Equity - In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.



Notes to Financial Statements March 31, 2004

Note I - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Comparative Data/Reclassifications - Comparative data is not included in the Township's financial statements.

Accounting and Reporting Changes

GASB Statement No. 34 - In June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments.* The Township of Washington has applied for the provisions of this statement in the accompanying financial statements (including the notes to the financial statements). The Township has elected to implement both the general provisions of the statement and the retroactive reporting of the infrastructure in the current year. Certain significant changes in the statement include the following:

- A management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) section providing an analysis of the Township's overall financial position and results of operations
- Financial statements prepared using the full accrual accounting for all of the Township's activities
- A change in the fund financial statements to focus on the major funds
- Capital assets at March 31, 2003 previously reported in the General Fixed Assets Account Group have been adjusted by approximately \$12,000 to reflect the historical cost of the Township's capital assets at that time.
- The governmental activities column includes other long-term obligations totaling \$750,000 previously reported in the General Long-term Debt Account Group.

Revenue Recognition - The Township changed its method of accounting for state-shared revenue. Beginning in 2004, state-shared revenue collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period is recognized as revenue in the current period. Previously, the Township accrued state-shared revenue collected within 30 days of the end of the current fiscal period. As a result, an additional \$159,486 was recognized as state-shared revenue as of March 31, 2004.



Notes to Financial Statements March 31, 2004

Note 2 - Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

Construction Code Fees - The Township oversees building construction, in accordance with the State's Construction Code Act, including inspection of building construction and renovation to ensure compliance with the building codes. The Township charges fees for these services. The law requires that collection of these fees be used only for construction code costs, including an allocation of estimated overhead costs. A summary of the current year activity and the cumulative surplus or shortfall generated since January I, 2000 is as follows:

Shortfall at April 1, 2003		\$ (124,524)
Current year building permit revenue		609,178
Related expenses:		
Direct costs	\$ 543,151	
Estimated indirect costs	 68,458	
Total construction code expenses		 611,609
Cumulative shortfall at March 31, 2004		\$ (126,955)

Note 3 - Deposits and Investments

Michigan Compiled Laws Section 129.91 (Public Act 20 of 1943, as amended) authorizes local governmental units to make deposits and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations that have offices in Michigan. The local unit is allowed to invest in bonds, securities, and other direct obligations of the United States or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptances of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications, which matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions, which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan. The Township has designated seven banks for the deposit of its funds. The investment policy adopted by the Board in accordance with Public Act 196 of 1997 has authorized investment in bonds and securities of the United States government and bank accounts and CDs, but not the remainder of State statutory authority as listed above.

The Township's deposits and investment policies are in accordance with statutory authority.



Notes to Financial Statements March 31, 2004

Note 3 - Deposits and Investments (Continued)

At year end, the deposits and investments were reported in the basic financial statements in the following categories:

	G	Governmental		ısiness-type	Т	otal Primary			
		Activities		Activities	_(Sovernment	Fiduciary Funds		
Cash and cash equivalents Restricted assets (Note 7)	\$	11,282,233	\$	9,073,050 2,174,246	\$	20,355,283 2,174,246	\$	1,131,931 -	
Total	\$	11,282,233	\$	11,247,296	\$	22,529,529	\$	1,131,931	

The breakdown between deposits and investments for the Township of Washington is as follows:

		Primary			
	G	overnment	Fiduciary Funds		
Bank deposits (checking accounts, savings					
accounts, and certificates of deposit)	\$	7,236,005	\$	593,732	
Investments in securities, mutual funds, and					
similar vehicles		15,292,824		538,199	
Petty cash or cash on hand		700			
Total	\$	22,529,529	\$	1,131,931	

The bank balance of the Township's deposits is \$10,355,561, of which approximately \$400,000 is covered by federal depository insurance.

Investments

The Township's investments during the year consisted solely of bank investment pools of \$15,538,418 and interlocal agreements of \$292,605 at March 31, 2004. Investments are normally categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Township; however, bank investment pools and interlocal agreements are not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. The Township believes that the investments in these funds comply with the investment authority noted above.



Notes to Financial Statements March 31, 2004

Note 4 - Capital Assets

Capital asset activity of the Township's governmental and business-type activities was as follows:

		Balance		A. I. Pot		isposals and	Balance		
Governmental Activities	Ap	oril 1, 2003	n 	Additions	A	Adjustments		rch 31, 2004	
Capital assets not being depreciated - Land	\$	401,921	\$	1,124,700	\$	-	\$	1,526,621	
Capital assets being depreciated:									
Buildings and improvements		2,534,494		410,223		-		2,944,717	
Vehicles		2,546,912		-		-		2,546,912	
Office furnishings		254,353		-		-		254,353	
Other tools and equipment		611,824		78,069				689,893	
Subtotal		5,947,583		488,292		-		6,435,875	
Accumulated depreciation:									
Buildings and improvements		1,004,942		85,625		-		1,090,567	
Vehicles		771,649		121,763		-		893,412	
Office furnishings		171,997		26,371		-		198,368	
Other tools and equipment		269,957	_	49,236				319,193	
Subtotal		2,218,545	_	282,995				2,501,540	
Net capital assets being depreciated		3,729,038		205,297	_	<u>-</u>		3,934,335	
Net governmental capital assets	\$	4,130,959	\$	1,329,997	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	5,460,956	



Notes to Financial Statements March 31, 2004

Note 4 - Capital Assets (Continued)

	Balance		Disposals and	Balance		
Business-type Activities	April 1, 2003	Additions	Adjustments	March 31, 2004		
Capital assets not being depreciated:						
Land	\$ -	\$ 10,112	\$ -	\$ 10,112		
Construction in progress	2,736,985	329,312	2,156,342	909,955		
Subtotal	2,736,985	339,424	2,156,342	920,067		
Capital assets being depreciated:						
Water and sewer distribution						
systems	35,124,906	4,172,677	-	39,297,583		
Buildings and building						
improvements	376,951	35,095	-	412,046		
Vehicles	354,703	=	34,527	320,176		
Office furnishings	56,974	16,046	-	73,020		
Other tools and equipment	246,515			246,515		
Subtotal	36,160,049	4,223,818	34,527	40,349,340		
Accumulated depreciation:						
Water and sewer distribution						
systems	6,166,832	745,519	-	6,912,351		
Buildings and building						
improvements	160,274	13,262	-	173,536		
Vehicles	271,050	33,470	34,527	269,993		
Office furnishings	46,194	7,378	-	53,572		
Other tools and equipment	97,335	16,271		113,606		
Subtotal	6,741,685	815,900	34,527	7,523,058		
Net capital assets being						
depreciated	29,418,364	3,407,918	<u> </u>	32,826,282		
Net water and sewer capital assets	\$ 32,155,349	\$ 3,747,342	\$ 2,156,342	\$ 33,746,349		

Depreciation expense was charged to programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental activities:

General government	\$	78,702
Public safety		204,293
Total governmental activities	<u>\$</u>	282,995
Business-type activities - Water and sewer	<u>\$</u>	815,899



Notes to Financial Statements March 31, 2004

Note 5 - Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers

The composition of interfund balances is as follows:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	 Amount	
Due to/from Other Funds			
General Fund	Fire Fund	\$ 31	
General Fund	Ambulance Fund	31	
General Fund	Water and Sewer Fund	32,878	
General Fund	Nonmajor governmental		
	funds	42	
Nonmajor governmental fund -			
Improvement Revolving Fund	General Fund	1,810,079	
Other nonmajor governmental funds	General Fund	811,645	
Nonmajor governmental funds	Fire Fund	421,396	
Nonmajor governmental funds	Ambulance Fund	 374,960	
Total		\$ 3,451,062	

The balance owed from the General Fund to the Improvement Revolving Fund represents the cumulative amount transferred from the General Fund to the Improvement Revolving Fund over that fund's lifetime. The General Fund continues to hold the cash and investments so that it may continue to earn interest on these funds. The other balances result from the time lag between the dates that goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and payments between funds are made.



Notes to Financial Statements March 31, 2004

Note 5 - Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers (Continued)

Interfund transfers reported in the fund financial statements are comprised of the following:

Fund Providing			
Resources	esources Fund Receiving Resources		Amount
General Fund	Nonmajor governmental funds -		
	Employee Benefits Fund	\$	140,000
General Fund	Nonmajor governmental funds -		
	Improvement Revolving Fund		302,563
General Fund	Nonmajor governmental funds		34,160
Fire Fund	Other governmental funds		70,000
Ambulance Fund	Other governmental funds		70,000
Nonmajor governmental			
funds	General Fund		42,268
Nonmajor governmental			
funds	Water and Sewer Fund		1,339
Total		<u>\$</u>	660,330

The transfers from the General Fund to the Employee Benefits Special Revenue Fund represent the transfer of funds to meet retiree health care premiums and a portion of the Township's sick and vacation liability. The transfers from the General Fund to the Improvement Revolving Fund represent transfers to cover expenditures associated with future projects that will benefit the Township.

Note 6 - Long-term Debt

The Township of Washington issues bonds to provide for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the Township. Special assessment bonds provide for capital improvements that benefit specific properties, and will be repaid from amounts levied against those properties benefited from the construction. In the event that a deficiency exists because of unpaid or delinquent special assessments at the time a debt service payment is due, the Township is obligated to provide resources to cover the deficiency until other resources (such as tax sale proceeds or a re-assessment of the district) are received. Revenue bonds involve a pledge of specific income derived from the acquired or constructed assets to pay debt service.



Notes to Financial Statements March 31, 2004

Note 6 - Long-term Debt (Continued)

Long-term obligation activity can be summarized as follows:

	Interest		Principal									
	Rate	1	1aturity		Beginning						D	ue Within
	Ranges		Ranges	Balance		Additions (Reductions)				Ending Balance		ne Year
												
Governmental Activities												
Special assessment bonds:												
Ulmor/Woodland Water:												
Amount of issue: \$320,000												
Maturing through 2004	8.00%	\$	30,000	\$	30,000	\$	-	\$	(30,000)	\$ -	\$	-
A.W. Jones Paving:												
Amount of issue: \$280,000			25,000									
Maturing through 2005	6.00%		30,000		55,000		-		(30,000)	25,000		25,000
Carriage Hill Paving:												
Amount of issue: \$915,000	4.95% -		90,000									
Maturing through 2010	5.30%		100,000		665,000		-		(100,000)	565,000		100,000
Other long-term obligations -												
Compensated absences				_	288,193	_	14,844		-	303,037		
Total governmental activities				\$	1,038,193	\$	14,844	\$	(160,000)	\$ 893,037	\$	125,000
Business-type Activities												
General obligation bonds:												
Special Assessment Bonds:												
Eastview S.A.D. (BI2127)												
Amount of issue: \$970,000	4.1% -		45,000									
Maturing through 2005	4.90%		110,000	\$	200,000	\$	_	\$	(100,000)	\$ 100,000	\$	100,000
Washington Heights:			,		,	•			, ,	, ,	•	•
Amount of issue: \$240,000	4% -		10.000									
Maturing through 2008	7.00%		30,000		125,000		_		(25,000)	100,000		25,000
Carriage Hills #6:			,		,				(==,===,	,		,
Amount of issue: \$810,000	3.6% -		45,000									
Maturing through 2012	4.75%		85,000		680,000		_		(85,000)	595,000		85,000
Revenue bonds:	1.7570		05,000		000,000				(65,666)	373,000		05,000
Van Dyke Water:												
Amount of issue: \$750,000	2.75% -		25,000									
Maturing through 2009	5.60%		70,000		390.000		_		(60,000)	330.000		65.000
Eastview S.A.D. (BI1264):	5.0070		70,000		370,000				(00,000)	330,000		05,000
Amount of issue: \$750,000	4.4% -		30,000									
Maturing through 2010	5.70%		75.000		480.000		_		(50,000)	430,000		50.000
Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System:	3.7070		73,000		100,000		-		(30,000)	430,000		30,000
Amount of issue: \$2,500,000	0% -		25.000									
Maturing through 2020	8.00%		300,000		2,475,000		-		(25,000)	2,450,000		25,000
Other long-term obligations -												
Compensated absences				_	29,485	_	46,586		-	76,071		
Total business-type activities				\$	4,379,485	\$	46,586	\$	(345,000)	\$ 4,081,071	\$	350,000



Notes to Financial Statements March 31, 2004

Note 6 - Long-term Debt (Continued)

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the above bonds and note obligations are as follows:

		Governmental Activities						Business-type Activities					
	Principal		Interest		Total		Principal		Interest		Total		
2005	\$	125,000	\$	27,663	\$	152,663	\$	350,000	\$	211,153	\$	561,153	
2006		95,000		21,539		116,539		255,000		193,275		448,275	
2007		95,000		16,718		111,718		255,000		180,317		435,317	
2008		95,000		11,873		106,873		260,000		167,226		427,226	
2009		90,000		7,110		97,110		240,000		153,618		393,618	
2010-2014		90,000		2,385		92,385		1,070,000		552,049		1,622,049	
2015-2019		-		-		-		1,275,000		240,794		1,515,794	
2020-2024					_		_	300,000	_	7,500	_	307,500	
Total	\$	590,000	\$	87,288	\$	677,288	\$	4,005,000	\$	1,705,932	\$	5,710,932	

Note 7 - Restricted Assets

The balances of the restricted asset accounts are as follows:

	Business-type	
	Activities	
Cash and equivalents:		
Sewer benefit fees	\$	884,943
Hayes Road construction		114,215
Bond reserve		321,000
Unspent bond proceeds		854,088
Total cash and equivalents		2,174,246
Court judgment receivable - \$435,285 payable over 45 years with no stated interest, recorded at present value using imputed interest rate of 8 percent, final payment due		
April 203 I		116,457
Total restricted assets	\$	2,290,703



Notes to Financial Statements March 31, 2004

Note 7 - Restricted Assets (Continued)

The sewer benefit fees of \$884,943 are restricted for construction of the Garfield interceptor. The Hayes Road construction cash and equivalents of \$114,215 and the court judgment receivable of \$116,457 are restricted for maintenance on the Hayes Road sewer line. The bond reserve of \$321,000 and unspent bond proceeds of \$854,088 are restricted for the Eastview water main, the Van Dyke water main extension, and debt service on the related revenue bonds.

Note 8 - Risk Management

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, and employee injuries (workers' compensation), as well as medical benefits provided to employees. The Township has purchased commercial insurance for medical claims and participates in the Michigan Townships Participating Plan risk pool for claims relating to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, and workers' compensation. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The Michigan Townships Participating Plan (the "Plan") operates as an insurance purchasing pool for local units of government in Michigan. The Plan purchases commercial insurance on behalf of its members at a lower cost than would be available on an individual basis.

Note 9 - Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

The Township provides pension benefits to all of its full-time employees through a defined contribution plan. In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the plan plus investment earnings. As established by Township Board resolution, the Township contributes 15 percent of compensation as defined by W-2 wages for Fire Department employees and 15 percent of base salaries for all general employees, department heads, and Water and Sewer Department employees. Employees may voluntarily contribute up to 10 percent. In accordance with these requirements, the Township contributed \$470,166.

Note 10 - Deferred Revenue

Governmental funds report deferred revenue in connection with receivables for revenue that is not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Governmental funds also defer revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received but not yet earned. At the end of the current fiscal year, deferred revenue consisted of \$745,582 of special assessment funds that were unavailable.



Notes to Financial Statements March 31, 2004

Note II - Designated Fund Balances

Fund balances have been designated for the following purposes:

	General		Special	
	 Fund	Revenue Funds		
Future expenditures	\$ 479,438	\$	-	
Roads	420,000		-	
Land/Building purchases	529,056		-	
Capital improvements	-		1,810,079	
Employee benefits	 		1,220,911	
Total	\$ 1,428,494	\$	3,030,990	

Note 12 - Joint Ventures

The Township is a member of the Romeo, Washington, Bruce Parks and Recreation Commission and the Washington and Bruce Townships Senior Transportation thru Advanced Reservation Commission (S.T.A.R.). The Township appoints one member to each joint venture's governing board, which then approves the annual budget. The Parks and Recreation Commission is funded primarily from property taxes and program fees. S.T.A.R. is funded primarily from property taxes and operating grants. The Township is unaware of any circumstances that would cause an additional benefit or burden to the participating governments in the near future. The Township's equity interest of \$790,479 and \$620,470 in the Romeo, Washington, Bruce Parks and Recreation Commission and the Washington and Bruce Townships Senior Transportation thru Advanced Reservation Commission, respectively, is recorded within the governmental activities column of the statement of net assets. Complete financial statements for the joint ventures can be obtained from the administrative offices at 361 Morton, Romeo, Michigan 48061.

The Township is a member of the Tri-County Cable Communications Commission, which provides cable services to the residents of Washington Township, the Village of Romeo, and Bruce Township. The participating communities provide annual funding for its operations. During the current year, the Township contributed \$95,711 for its operations. The Township is unaware of any circumstances that would cause an additional benefit or burden for the Township. Complete financial statements for the Tri-County Cable Communications Commission can be obtained at 6 Walter Sheetz Drive, Romeo, MI 48065.



Notes to Financial Statements March 31, 2004

Note 13 - Commitments and Contingencies

In the prior year, the Township entered into an intergovernmental cost-sharing agreement with two neighboring communities and the Macomb County Public Works Commissioner to fund the construction of an interceptor and wastewater disposal service. Total estimated costs are approximately \$28,000,000. Sixty percent of the cost will be shared directly by the three communities, of which the Township's portion is approximately \$3,400,000. The remaining 40 percent will be funded by the Macomb County Water Disposal District.



Required Supplemental Information



Required Supplemental Information Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund Year Ended March 31, 2004

	Prior Year Actual	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance with Amended Budget	
Revenue						
Property taxes:						
Current taxes	\$ 529,142			\$ 582,886	\$ (7)	
Delinquent personal property taxes	817		2,000	1,955	(45)	
Mobile home park taxes	4,734	4,800	4,308	4,699	391	
Total property taxes	534,693	594,764	589,201	589,540	339	
Licenses and permits:						
Building permits	213,720	261,600	292,281	318,296	26,015	
Electrical permits	71,668	73,500	80,269	84,902	4,633	
Mechanical permits	114,738	119,300	121,857	130,324	8,467	
Plumbing permits	67,463	82,300	69,331	75,656	6,325	
Total licenses and permits	467,589	536,700	563,738	609,178	45,440	
Federal sources	17,086	15,000	-	-	-	
State-shared revenue	1,337,288	1,123,806	1,220,006	1,375,967	155,961	
Fees:						
Bookkeeping	134,467	136,373	136,973	136,973	-	
Variance	7,490	6,800	12,830	14,600	1,770	
Cable television	110,321	121,352	129,872	129,872	-	
Cemetery	29,302	29,000	30,651	27,090	(3,561)	
Bonds forfeited	-	-	903	903	-	
Court fines	2,558	4,000	2,675	2,650	(25)	
Total fees	284,138	297,525	313,904	312,088	(1,816)	
Interest and rent	200,757	148,800	199,245	199,731	486	
Special assessments	277,519	103,500	251,284	270,452	19,168	
Other revenue:						
Refunds and rebates	5,480	2,000	26	1,993	1,967	
Other revenue	144,807	4,200	38,605	70,890	32,285	
Total other revenue	150,287	6,200	38,631	72,883	34,252	
Other financing sources - Transfer in		295,000	295,000	42,268	(252,732)	
Total revenue	3,269,357	3,121,295	3,471,009	3,472,107	1,098	



Required Supplemental Information Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund (Continued) Year Ended March 31, 2004

	Prior Year Actual			Original Budget		Amended Budget	Actual			riance with Amended Budget
Expenditures										
General government:										
Township Board	\$	63,598	\$	50,282	\$	46,062	\$	39,184	\$	6,878
Supervisor		64,525		68,771		79,312		78,493		819
Elections		121,798		196,561		166,623		167,495		(872)
Assessor		223,466		232,345		227,983		221,916		6,067
Clerk		60,509		65,402		63,332		61,337		1,995
Accounting		179,819		206,625		194,979		190,785		4,194
Cemetery		29,269		56,400		43,600		41,680		1,920
Administrative		180,797		199,211		197,179		189,223		7,956
Treasurer		182,464		188,352		188,311		187,259		1,052
Board of Review		9,991		9,250		13,375		9,620		3,755
Township Hall		303,305		227,237		199,676		176,386		23,290
Fringe benefits		455,285	_	543,441	_	547,606	_	500,836		46,770
Total general government		1,874,826		2,043,877		1,968,038		1,864,214		103,824
Public safety:										
Electrical inspection department		40,518		60,900		60,700		45,198		15,502
Plumbing and heating department		28,213		36,800		34,525		31,855		2,670
Mechanical inspection department		48,971		49,400		61,900		57,233		4,667
Building department		261,852		290,100		291,752		284,955		6,797
Planning		78,758		98,427		98,418		86,769		11,649
Total public safety		458,312		535,627		547,295		506,010		41,285
Public works:										
Highways and streets		51,268		61,700		39,800		36,225		3,575
<u> </u>										
Street lighting		20,034	_	24,200	_	19,153	_	19,094	_	59
Total public works		71,302		85,900		58,953		55,319		3,634
Insurance:										
Workers' compensation insurance		8,428		18,000		10,000		7,867		2,133
Other liability insurance		50,717		57,250		60,000		60,731		(731)
Total insurance		59,145		75,250		70,000		68,598		1,402
Capital outlay		256,120		295,000		350,000		342,573		7,427
Other financing uses:										
Transfer to Employee Benefits Fund		60,000		60,000		140,000		140,000		-
Transfer to Improvement Revolving Fund		23,310		, <u>-</u>		302,563		302,563		-
Transfer to Woodfield Paving Fund		691,250		-		_				-
Transfer to Cable Franchise Reserve Fee Fund		23,310		25,641		34,160		34,160		-
Total other financing uses		797,870		85,641		476,723		476,723		
Total expenditures		3,517,575		3,121,295		3,471,009		3,313,437		157,572
·			_	3,121,273	_	3, 1,007				
Net Change in Fund Balance		(248,218)		-		-		158,670		158,670
Fund Balance - Beginning of year		2,244,798		2,019,890	<u>2,019,890</u> 2,019,890					
Fund Balance - End of year	<u>\$ 1</u>	,996,580	\$	2,019,890	\$	2,019,890	\$	2,178,560	\$	158,670

Required Supplemental Information Budgetary Comparison Schedule Major Special Revenue Funds Year Ended March 31, 2004

	Fire										
		Original Budget	ı	Amended Budget		Actual		riance with Amended Budget			
Revenue							-				
Property taxes	\$	1,620,699	\$	1,778,807	\$	1,778,770	\$	(37)			
Interest		80,205		36,984		37,062		78			
Refunds and rebates		-		133		5,055		4,922			
Other				4,888	_	6,308		1,420			
Total revenue		1,700,904		1,820,812		1,827,195		6,383			
Expenditures											
Public safety		1,570,154		1,636,242		1,528,258		107,984			
Capital outlay	_	60,750		93,900		77,564		16,336			
Total expenditures		1,630,904		1,730,142		1,605,822		124,320			
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures		70,000		90,670		221,373		130,703			
Other Financing Uses - Transfer to											
Employee Benefits Fund		(70,000)		(90,670)	_	(70,000)		20,670			
Net Change in Fund Balance		-		-		151,373		151,373			
Fund Balance - Beginning of year		2,613,150		2,613,150		2,613,150					
Fund Balance - End of year	\$	2,613,150	\$	2,613,150	\$	2,764,523	\$	151,373			



Required Supplemental Information Budgetary Comparison Schedule Major Special Revenue Funds (Continued) Year Ended March 31, 2004

	Police									
	Original Amended Budget Budget Act e						Variance with Amended Budget			
Revenue										
Property taxes	\$	800,400	\$	800,400	\$	798,744	\$	(1,656)		
District Court fines		40,000		40,000		53,328		13,328		
Interest		2,500		2,500		2,829		329		
Total revenue		842,900		842,900		854,901		12,001		
Expenditures - Public safety		842,900		842,900		710,053		132,847		
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures		-		-		144,848		144,848		
Fund Balance - Beginning of year		619,127		619,127		619,127				
Fund Balance - End of year	\$	619,127	\$	619,127	\$	763,975	\$	144,848		



Required Supplemental Information Budgetary Comparison Schedule Major Special Revenue Funds (Continued) Year Ended March 31, 2004

				Advanced L	ife	Support		
							Va	riance with
		Original		Amended			1	Amended
		Budget		Budget	Actual			Budget
Revenue								
Property taxes	\$	1,283,846	\$	1,430,461	\$	1,430,431	\$	(30)
Charges for services		46,000		43,631		43,927		296
Interest		29,990		18,549		18,550		1
Refunds and rebates		-		93		4,786		4,693
Other			_	18		1,494		1,476
Total revenue		1,359,836		1,492,752		1,499,188		6,436
Expenditures								
Public safety		1,255,586		1,321,717		1,200,445		121,272
Capital outlay		34,250		27,187		9,664		17,523
Total expenditures	_	1,289,836		1,348,904		1,210,109		138,795
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures		70,000		143,848		289,079		145,231
Other Financing Uses - Transfers to								
Employee Benefits Fund	_	(70,000)		(143,848)	_	(70,000)		73,848
Net Change in Fund Balance		-		-		219,079		219,079
Fund Balance - Beginning of year		1,483,740		1,483,740		1,483,740		-
Fund Balance - End of year	\$	1,483,740	\$	1,483,740	\$	1,702,819	\$	219,079



Note to Required Supplemental Information March 31, 2004

Budgetary Information - The annual budget is prepared by management and adopted by the Township Board; subsequent amendments are approved by the Township Board. Unexpended appropriations lapse at year end; encumbrances are not included as expenditures. The amount of encumbrances outstanding at March 31, 2004 has not been calculated.

The budget has been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The budget statement (budgetary comparison schedule - General Fund and Major Special Revenue Funds) is presented on the same basis of accounting used in preparing the adopted budget.

The budget has been adopted on an activity basis; expenditures at this level in excess of amounts budgeted are a violation of Michigan law. A comparison of actual results of operations to the General Fund budget and Major Special Revenue Funds budgets as adopted by the Township Board is included in the required supplemental information. A comparison of the actual results of operations to the nonmajor Special Revenue Funds and nonmajor Debt Service Funds budgets as adopted by the Township Board is available at the clerk's office for inspection.

Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations in Budgeted Funds - The Township did not have significant expenditure budget variances.



Other Supplemental Information



	Special Revenue Funds										
		Liquor Enforcement		Improvement Revolving		Budget Stabilization		Sidewalk Fund		Cable nchise Fee erve Fund	
Assets											
Cash and cash equivalents Special assessments Due from other funds Due from other governmental units Prepaid expenses	\$	32,034 - - 3 3	\$	- - 1,810,079 - -	\$	- - 252,000 - -	\$	100,084 - - - -	\$	- - 67,470 - -	
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	32,040	<u>\$</u>	1,810,079	\$	252,000	\$	100,084	\$	67,470	
Liabilities and Fund Balances											
Liabilities											
Accounts payable	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	17,990	\$	-	
Due to other funds		42		-		-		-		-	
Accrued and other liabilities Deferred revenue		645 -		-		-		-		-	
Deletted revenue			_								
Total liabilities		687		-		-		17,990		-	
Fund Balances											
Reserved:											
Prepaids		3		-		-		-		-	
Law enforcement		31,350		-		-		-		-	
Unreserved:											
Designated		-		1,810,079		-		-		-	
Undesignated						252,000		82,094		67,470	
Total fund balances		31,353	_	1,810,079	_	252,000		82,094		67,470	
Total liabilities and											
fund balances	\$	32,040	\$	1,810,079	\$	252,000	\$	100,084	\$	67,470	

Other Supplemental Information Combining Balance Sheet Nonmajor Governmental Funds March 31, 2004

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_		nds	Projects Fu	pital l	Ca	Fund		ie Funds	enu	Special Rev	
Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Voodfield Paving		riage Hills	Car	D/T Buff. oll/ Romeo Hill	ebt Service	De	Employee Benefits		eet Light sessment Fund	
\$ 452,766 274,473 3,418,080 4,366 3 \$ 4,149,688	- 49,769 - - 49,769	\$ <u>\$</u>	15,509 - - - - - - - 15,509	\$ 	- 17,851 - - 17,851	\$ 290,442 274,473 - 4,133 - 569,048	\$ <u>\$</u>	- 1,220,911 - - 1,220,911	_	14,697 - - 230 - 14,927	\$
\$ 19,898 42 645 274,473 295,058	- - - -	\$	- - - -	\$	- - - -	\$ - - - 274,473 274,473	\$	- - - - -	\$	1,908 - - - - 1,908	\$
3 31,350 3,030,990 792,287 3,854,630	- - 49,769 49,769		- - 15,509		- - 17,851	 - - 294,575 294,575		- - 1,220,911 - 1,220,911		13,019	
\$ 4,149,688	49,769	\$	15,509	\$	17,851	\$ 569,048	\$	1,220,911	\$	14,927	\$



	Special Revenue Funds										
	Liquor Enforcement		•	ovement volving	Budget Stabilization		Sidewalk Fund		Fran	Cable nchise Fee erve Fund	
Revenue											
State-shared revenue	\$	8,419	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	
Charges for services	•	-,	•	_	•	-	•	38,237	•	_	
Interest		_		_		_		625		_	
Refunds and rebates		3		_		_		-		_	
Special assessments		_		_		-		_		_	
Other				11,479							
Total revenue		8,422		11,479		-		38,862		-	
Expenditures											
General government		-		_		_		_		-	
Public safety		7,764		-		_		17,990		-	
Capital outlay		_		-		_		-		-	
Debt service											
Total expenditures		7,764						17,990			
Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures		658		11,479		-		20,872		-	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)											
Transfers in		-		302,563		-		-		34,160	
Transfers out											
Total other financing sources (uses)				302,563						34,160	
Net Change in Fund Balances		658		314,042		-		20,872		34,160	
Fund Balances - Beginning of year		30,695		496,037		252,000		61,222		33,310	
Fund Balances - End of year	\$	31,353	\$ 1,8	810,079	\$	252,000	\$	82,094	\$	67,470	

Other Supplemental Information Combining Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Governmental Funds Year Ended March 31, 2004

			Debt Service								
S	pecial Rev	enue Funds	Fund		Ca	pital F	Projects Fu	nds			
											Total
Stre	eet Light			D	/T Buff.					١	Vonmajor
Ass	essment	Employee		Kno	II/ Romeo			٧	Voodfield	Go	vernmental
	Fund	Benefits	Debt Service		Hill	Carı	riage Hills		Paving		Funds
\$	_	\$ -	\$ -	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	8,419
Ψ	-	-	Ψ -	Ψ	_	Ψ	_	Ψ	_	Ψ	38,237
	13	_	29,613		-		124		-		30,375
	-	-	-		-		-		-		3
	36,956	-	131,240		-		-		-		168,196
											11,479
	36,969	-	160,853		-		124		-		256,709
	_	3,273	-		-		-		_		3,273
	-	-	-		=		-		-		25,754
	31,514	-	-		-		219		534		32,267
			193,075								193,075
	31,514	3,273	193,075				219		534		254,369
	5,455	(3,273)	(32,222)		-		(95)		(534)		2,340
	_	280,000	_		_		_		_		616,723
	_	-	(43,607)		_		_		_		(43,607)
			(10,001)								(10,007)
	-	280,000	(43,607)						-		573,116
	5,455	276,727	(75,829)		-		(95)		(534)		575,456
	7,564	944,184	370,404		17,851		15,604		50,303	_	3,279,174
\$	13,019	\$ 1,220,911	\$ 294,575	\$	17,851	\$	15,509	\$	49,769	\$	3,854,630



Other Supplemental Information Combining Statement of Assets and Liabilities Fiduciary Funds March 31, 2004

	Agency Funds									
				Trust and						
	Tax C	Collections		Agency	Totals					
Assets - Cash and investments	<u>\$</u>	1,414	<u>\$</u>	1,130,517	\$	1,131,931				
Liabilities Due to other governmental units Cash bonds and deposits	\$ 	1,414 -	\$	- 1,130,517	\$	1,414 1,130,517				
Total liabilities	\$	1,414	\$	1,130,517	\$	1,131,931				







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June 11, 2004

To the Board of Trustees Township of Washington 57900 Van Dyke P.O. Box 94067 Washington, MI 48094-4067

Dear Board Members:

We have recently completed our audit of the financial statements of the Township of Washington for the year ended March 31, 2004. As a result of our audit, and in addition to our financial report, we offer the following comments and recommendations.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34

As previously communicated to you, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 34 is now here. You will notice a very different look to the financial statements. Preparing for this new reporting model has required a significant amount of effort by the Township's Accounting Department.

Although there are many differences with this new reporting model, the major additions are as follows:

- <u>Management Discussion and Analysis</u>: Management is now required to give an overview of the Township's overall financial position and results of operations.
- Government Wide Financial Statements: These additional statements adjust the fund-based statements into a combined, Township wide full-accrual format. This allows a financial statement reader to see the Township from a long-term perspective (i.e., are today's taxpayers paying for today's services?). These statements show capital and infrastructure assets, as well as long-term debt, as part of the Township's financial picture.
- <u>Budget Comparison</u>: A financial statement reader will now be able to view not only the
 actual revenue and expenditures of the Township compared to the final amended
 budget, but also as compared to the original budget for the General Fund and Major
 Special Revenue Funds.

Revenue Sharing

As you are aware, revenue sharing payments for the State's fiscal year ended September 30, 2003, were reduced by 3.5 percent through a December 2002 Executive Order. The budget for the State's fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, includes an additional 3 percent reduction in revenue sharing payments from the estimated payments for the State's 2003 fiscal year. These cuts are compounded by reductions that result when sales tax collections are less than what is included in the State's projections. In December 2003, the Governor issued an executive order



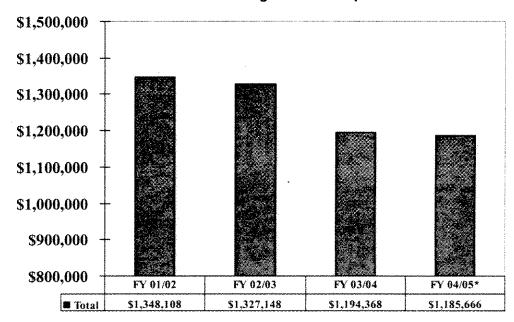
reducing revenue sharing for the State's fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, an additional 5 percent.

In February 2004, the Governor introduced her budget for the State's fiscal year ended September 30, 2005. For cities, villages and townships, the Governor's budget proposal is to keep revenue sharing levels for the September 30, 2005 fiscal year end at the September 30, 2004, fiscal year end levels. However, the proposal eliminates statutory revenue sharing for counties. There is considerable discussion in Lansing about further reductions to state shared revenue from the Governor's budget proposal for fiscal year ended September 30, 2005.

We have attached a chart to provide you with more detail on what has occurred with revenue sharing relative to Washington Township. The chart demonstrates the impact that these cuts in revenue sharing by the State have had on Washington Township. For the Township, revenue sharing funding levels are \$162,442 less for the 2005 fiscal year as compared to fiscal year 2002.

We recommend that the Township continue to evaluate the impact of the revenue sharing reductions on the Township's 2004 budget. In addition, updated information can be obtained from the Department of Treasury's web site at http://treas-secure.state.mi.us/apps/findrevshareinfo.asp or by calling the Office of Revenue and Tax Analysis at (517) 373-2697. We will continue to update the Township as developments occur.

Total State Shared Revenue - Washington Township



\$ Change	\$2,817	\$20,960	\$132,780	\$8,702
% Change	.2%	1.5%	10.0%	.7%

^{*}Projected (Data Source for all State Fiscal Years Michigan Department of Treasury.)



Funding of Post-Employment Benefits

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board recently issued an exposure draft addressing the accounting for retiree health care. As you know, the promise to provide health care to retirees is very similar to the promise to provide an annual pension check. As a result, GASB is proposing changes that would result in the Township having an actuarial valuation to define the liability and the liability would need to be disclosed in the financial statements. In addition, the Township's funding status, or the progress it has made in accumulating assets to pay for this liability would also be disclosed. Lastly, the Township would be required to make an annual contribution equal to the amount that the actuary deems necessary to fund the liability over a 30-year period. While this change is still in the draft phase, it is expected that it will be adopted in which case you will need to keep this in mind for long-range planning. These changes are expected to be effective 2008.

New Homestead Audit Program

Public Act 105 of 2003 provides new authority for local units of government and the Michigan Department of Treasury to share homestead information to determine if a resident is illegally claiming a homestead exemption on property. As you recall, following the passage of Proposal A in 1994, individuals in Michigan are allowed only one homestead for property tax purposes. A residence which is not an individual's homestead pays property tax at the non-homestead rate. The Michigan Department of Treasury will publish additional guidance related to this new law.

Municipal Finance Act - Reminder

The Municipal Finance Act was amended during 2001. Beginning after March 2002, communities and authorities are now required to submit a filing once a year with the Michigan Department of Treasury. The old ten-day "exemption from prior approval" process has been eliminated and is replaced with this qualification process. The filing will serve as a pre-approval for debt issuances. The current filing is due within six months of the Township's year end (September 30, 2004) and is good through the extended due date of the financial statement filings (September 30, 2005).

Property Tax Assessment Cap

As you recall, Proposal A limits the growth in taxable value to the lesser of inflation or 5 percent. The inflation factor for this calculation is published by the State Tax Commission and is:

2004	2.3%	1999	1.6%
2003	1.5%	1998	2.7%
2002	3.2%	1997	2.8%
2001	3.2%	1996	2.8%
2000	1.9%	1995	2.6%



Property taxes are the Township's largest source of General Fund revenue. However, as indicated above, growth in existing property can be significantly limited due to Proposal A. This factor should be considered when the Township is involved in long-term financial planning.

Accounting Issues

We noted the following areas that may need some attention during 2004:

Credit Card Policy

During the year ended March 31, 2004, the Township was using credit cards although a "use of credit card" resolution had not been passed by the Township Board. The Township, however, is in the process of adopting a resolution regarding a credit card policy.

ACH Policy

Recently, Public Act 738 was passed, which allows local units of government to make and accept electronic funds transfers (ACH payments), if the local unit adopts a formal policy. While local units of government may have already been using the ACH system for payroll tax remittances and for the direct deposit of payroll, this new law requires a policy to be adopted.

Beginning immediately, the Board should adopt a policy on ACH arrangements that includes all of the following:

- Designation of an individual as the party responsible for payment approval, accounting, reporting and compliance with the ACH policy;
- A statement that this individual is required to submit documentation as follows:
 - o describe the goods or services purchased,
 - the cost.
 - o date of payment, and
 - o the department benefiting from the purchase;
- A system of internal controls to monitor the use of ACH transactions; and
- The approval of ACH invoices before payment.

We wish to thank the Township for the continued opportunity to serve as your auditors and for all the assistance and cooperation that we received from Ms. Sera Smith, the accounting office, and all of the Township personnel throughout the audit. If you have any questions concerning these items or wish to discuss implementation of our recommendations, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

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